



REMARKS

Status of the Claims:

The Office Action dated January 3, 2006 has been received and reviewed by the applicant. Claims 1-88 are in the application. Claims 3, 6, 7, 11, 13, 15-18, 20-22, 24-62, 64, 66, 67, 70, 74, 75, 79, 80, 82, 83, 85, 86, and 88 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims are 76-78, 81, 84, and 87 are allowed. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8-10, 19, 23, 63, 68, 69, 71-73 stand rejected and claims 12, 14, and 65 stand objected to.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 12, 14, and 65 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 76-78, 81, 84, and 87 are allowed.

Claims 79-80, 82-83, and 85-86 are allowable due to their dependence on an allowed claim but are presently non-elected. Claims 79-80, 82-83, and 85-86 will be rejoined and allowed when the application is otherwise ready for allowance.

Claim Rejection - 35 USC §102

Claims 1-2, 4, 19, 23, 63, 68, and 73 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Streid (US Pub. No. 2005/0041219).

Claim Rejection - 35 USC §103

Claims 5 and 69 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Streid (US Pub. No. 2005/0041219) in view of Kowarz (US Patent No. 6,411,425).

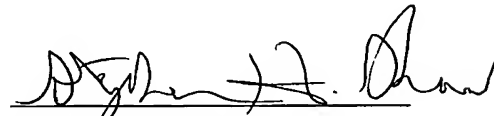
Claims 8-10 and 71-72 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Streid (US Pub. No. 2005/0041219) in view of Kikuchi (US Patent No. 6,897,992).

The Applicants claim priority from a previously filed provisional application that was filed on July 28, 2003. The cited reference of Streid et al. US 2005/0041219 A1 (now issued patent US 6,871,958 B2) was filed after the provisional application on August 18, 2003. Therefore, Streid et al. is an improper reference to cite against the Applicants.

Should the Examiner consider that additional amendments are necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, the favor is requested of a telephone call to the undersigned counsel for the purpose of discussing such amendments.

For the reasons set forth above, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and favorable action are respectfully solicited.

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